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THREE CHARGED IN BRIBERY SCHEME

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today the arrests and federal indictment of Mario Martin Solano, Jr., Jose Hector Campos and Elias Casillas, III, all of El Paso, Texas. The three men were indicted by a federal grand jury in El Paso on Tuesday, June 21, 2005, and were arrested this morning.

According to the indictment, Mario Solano was the Area Assistant Director for the Occupational Safety and Hazard Administration (OSHA) in El Paso. In 2002, as part of his job, he directed employers seeking to reduce their OSHA fines to Jose Campos' company for employee job related training. The indictment further alleges, that Campos paid Solano money for these training referrals. Elias Casillas, an OSHA employee under Solano, and Campos' former son-in-law found and referred offending companies to Solano and received payment from Campos.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Defense Criminal Investigative Service, U.S. Department of Labor - Office of Inspector General and U.S. Army - Criminal Investigation Division at Ft. Bliss, Texas. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney William Lewis.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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